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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR NEW PANAMA TREATIES

REF: (A) STATE 212432, (B) STATE 212438, (C) CAIRO 14728

1. HAVE BEEN TRYING MOST OF THE DAY TO CONTACT FAHMY ABOUT GOE JOINING IN "DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON." AGAIN, AS DURING PAST THREE DAYS, HE HAS BEEN OCCUPIED WITH ARAB LEAGUE FONMINS' MEETINGS. I WAS ABLE CONTACT USAMA AL-BAZ AT NOON TO GIVE HIM LIST OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO JOIN IN DECLARATION AND ALSO LASTEST TEXTUAL CHANGE. (NEWS OF ISRAELI AGREEMENT CAME LATER.) AL-BAZ PROMISED FAITHFULLY TO GET THE INFORMATION TO FAHMY AND CALL ME BACK BY EARLY AFTERNOON. HE NEVER DID.

2. FEW MINUTES AGO (1800 LOCAL) I FINALLY MANAGED TO GET FAHMY AT HOME ON SECURE PHONE AND WENT THROUGH THE WHOLE THING WITH HIM.

WE ONLY HAD A FEW MINUTES TO TALK SINCE HE WAS AGAIN GOING OUT. HE WAS NOT DISPOSED TO SIGN ANY "DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON", ARGUING THAT WHILE EGYPT IS AN OAS OBSERVER, IT IS NOT A MAJOR MARITIME USER OF THE CANAL. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR GOE TO JOIN IN SUCH A STATEMENT.

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3. I PRESSED HIM ON THE DESIRABILITY OF SOME SORT OF AN EGYPTIAN STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE PANAMA TREATIES. HE FINALLY AGREED THAT SUCH A STATEMENT MIGHT BE ISSUED HERE BY GOE AND COULD ALSO BE READ BY GHORBAL LATER IN THE DAY AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON. HE UNDER-TOOK HAVE HIS PEOPLE WORK ON DRAFT STATEMENT AND CHECK IT OUT WITH US. HOWEVER, GIVEN SHORTNESS OF TIME, SUGGEST

DEPT SEND BY NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE WHAT IT WOULD CON-
SIDER APPROPRIATE TEXT FOR GEO TO ISSUE (SHORT OF TEXT
OF "DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON") EXPRESSING SATISFACTION
WITH CONCLUSION OF TREATIES. I COULD PUT IT INTO THE
MATRIX HERE AND SEEK TO PERSUADE FAHMY TO ISSUE IT
WITHOUT ANY GREAT MODIFICATION. GHORBAL COULD THEN BE
INSTRUCTED TO MAKE SAME STATEMENT IN WASHINGTON. IF
NECESSARY, I WOULD OFFER USE OF OUR TELEGRAPH FACILITIES
TO GET THE TEXT TO GHORBAL IN TIME FOR THE SIGNING CERE-
MONY. THIS APPEARS TO BE THE BEST WE CAN GET OUT OF
EGYPTIANS IN SHORT TIME STILL AVAILABLE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE TIMING OF SIGNING CEREMONY. EILTS

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